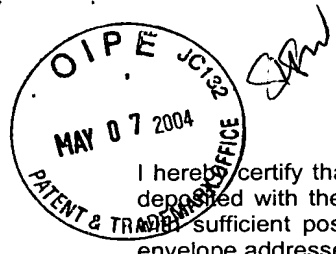


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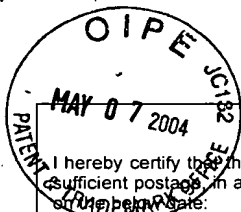
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**CORRECTED
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 23, 2004, please enter the following preliminary amendment in the subject application prior to examination.



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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Corrected Preliminary Amendment (9p)
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Stanley, Jr.

Richard E. Stanley, Jr. (Reg. No. 45,662)

May 5, 2004

Date